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business which custom in addition to our laws has heretofore required, and he may have rendered.

Resolved, That the increased labour required of our Librarian, in consequence of the extensive correspondence of the Society, the receiving and transmitting of parcels, the daily attendance at the rooms required by our members, to answer their demands for books, together with the continually increasing applications for the use of manuscripts and other books by strangers and citizens, as well as other services expected of him, not originally contemplated in his appointment as Librarian, render it needful to make some change in our laws—therefore

Resolved, That the whole subject be committed to the Officers and Council, with directions to report thereon at an early meeting of the Society.

The Reporter laid before the meeting, No. 45 of the Proceedings of the Society.

Stated Meeting, January 17.

Present, twenty-seven members.

Dr. PATTERSON, President, in the Chair.

Letters were read:—

From the Trustees of the State Library of New York, dated Albany, January 15th, 1851:—

From the New Jersey Historical Society, dated Newark, January 15, 1851: and—

From the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, dated Philadelphia, January 15th, 1851, respectively acknowledging the receipt of No. 45 of the Proceedings of this Society.

The following donations were announced:—

FOR THE LIBRARY.

Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society. Vol. X. No. 1.

November 8, 1850. London 8vo.—*From the Society.*

Proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society, at Boston, May 29, and at Worcester, Oct. 23, 1850. Worcester. 8vo.—*From the Society.*

- Fourth Annual Report of the Regents of the Smithsonian Institution to the Senate and House of Representatives, showing the operations, expenditures and condition of the Institution during the year 1849. Washington, 1850. 8vo.—*From the Smithsonian Institution.*
- The Boston Journal of Natural History, containing Papers and Communications read before the Boston Society of Natural History, and published by their direction. Vol. VI. No. 2. Boston, 1850. 8vo.—*From the Boston Society of Natural History.*
- The African Repository. Vol. XXVII. No. 1. January, 1851. Washington. 8vo.—*From the American Colonization Society.*
- Historia de Mejico, desde los primeros movimientos que prepararon su Independencia en el año de 1808, hasta la epoca presente. Por Don Lucas Alaman. Tomo II. Mejico, 1850. 8vo.—*From the Author.*
- Letter to the Rev. John Bachman, D.D. on the question of Hybridity in Animals, considered in reference to the Unity of the Human Species. By Samuel George Morton, M. D. Philadelphia and Edinburgh. Charleston, 1850. 8vo.—*From the Author.*
- Additional Observations on Hybridity in Animals, and on some collateral subjects; being a Reply to the Objections of the Rev. John Bachman, D.D. By Samuel George Morton, M.D. Charleston, 1850. 8vo.—*From the same.*
- Contributions to Conchology, No. 8. By Prof. C. B. Adams, of Amherst College, Mass. New York, 1851. 8vo.—*From the Author.*
- The American Journal of the Medical Sciences. Edited by Isaac Hays, M.D. New Series. No. 41. January, 1851. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From the Editor.*
- The Medical News and Library. Vol. IX. No. 97. January, 1851. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From Lea & Blanchard.*
- The Plough, the Loom and the Anvil. Vol. III. No. 7. January, 1851. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From J. S. Skinner, Esq. Editor.*
- Journal of the Franklin Institute. Third Series. Vol. XXI. No. 1. January, 1851. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From the Institute.*

The Committee, to whom was referred the memoir of Mr. M. Fisher Longstreth, presented at the last meeting, reported in favour of its publication in the Transactions of the Society, which was ordered accordingly.

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Mr. Trego announced the death of Count de Lasteyrie, of Paris, a member of this Society, who died in October, 1849, aged 88 years.

Dr. Leidy read a paper on *Nematoidea imperfecta*, supplemental to the paper presented by him at the last meeting, which was referred to a Committee consisting of Mr. Lea, Dr. Hays, and Dr. Ruschenberger.

On motion, Mr. Charles B. Trego was appointed Librarian for the ensuing year.

The following named gentlemen were appointed on the standing committees of the Society—

Of Finance—Mr. Lea (Chairman), Mr. Wagner, Mr. Fraley.

On the Hall—Judge Kane (Chairman), Mr. F. Peale, Mr. Justice.

On the Library—Dr. Hays (Chairman), Mr. Campbell, Mr. Ord.

Of Publication—Mr. Lea (Chairman), Dr. Hays, Mr. Fisher.

The catalogue of the surviving members of the Society was read; from which it appeared, that the number on the list on the 1st January, 1851, was 349, of whom there are resident in the United States, 243, and in foreign countries, 106.

The Society then proceeded to ballot for candidates for membership.

On motion, Chap I. Section 10, of the Laws of the Society was amended, so as to read as follows:—

“Such members as reside within ten miles of the Hall of the Society, and such others as desire to vote at the meetings and elections, shall pay an admission fee of ten dollars, and annually thereafter a contribution of five dollars, from and after 31st December, 1851.”

The other business of the meeting having been concluded, the ballot boxes were opened, and the following named gentlemen were declared duly elected members of the Society:—

STEPHEN COLWELL, of Philadelphia.

JOHN H. TOWNE, do.

Dr. CHARLES M. WETHERILL, of Philadelphia.
 JOEL B. REYNOLDS, do.
 Dr. THOMAS S. KIRKBRIDE, do.
 GEORGE M. TOTTEN, do.
 DON LUCAS ALAMAN, of Mexico.
 BENJAMIN APTHORP GOULD, of Cambridge, Mass.
 Dr. JOSEPH W. FARNUM, of New York.

Stated Meeting, February 7.

Present, fifteen members.

Dr. PATTERSON, President, in the Chair.

Messrs. J. H. Towne and J. B. Reynolds, recently elected members of the Society, were presented, and took their seats.

Letters were read:—

From John H. Towne, dated Philadelphia, 20th January; from B. A. Gould, Jr., dated Cambridge, 21st January; from J. B. Reynolds, dated Philadelphia, 22d January; from Dr. Charles M. Wetherill, dated Philadelphia, 27th January; from Thomas S. Kirkbride, dated Pennsylvania Hospital for the Insane, 1st February; and from Stephen Colwell, dated Philadelphia, 6th February, 1851, severally acknowledging receipt of notice of their election to membership in this Society:—

From the Corporation of the University of Cambridge, Mass., dated Harvard College, 9th January, 1851; and from the Connecticut Historical Society, dated Hartford, 5th February, 1851, acknowledging the receipt of Proceedings of this Society: and—

From B. A. Gould, Jr., dated Cambridge, 2d February, 1851, announcing the death of Prof. Schumacher, of Altona, a member of this Society, who died at Altona on the 28th December last.

The following donations were announced:—

FOR THE LIBRARY.

Bulletin de la Société de Géographie. Troisième Série. Tome XIII. Paris, 1850.—*From the Geographical Society of Paris.*